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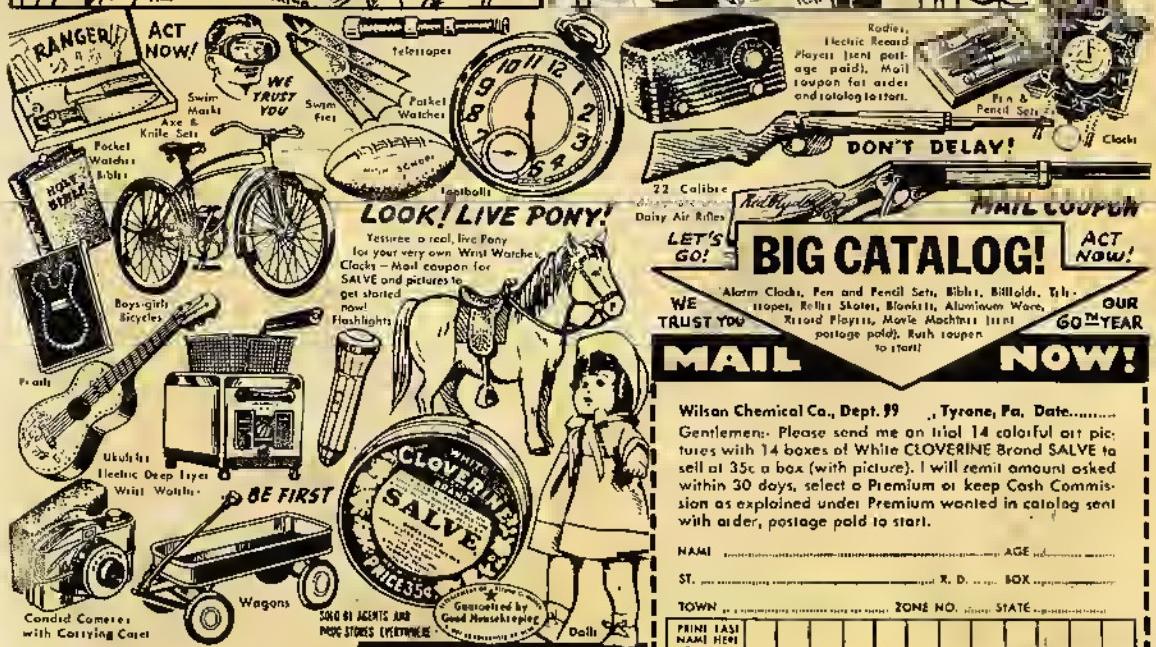
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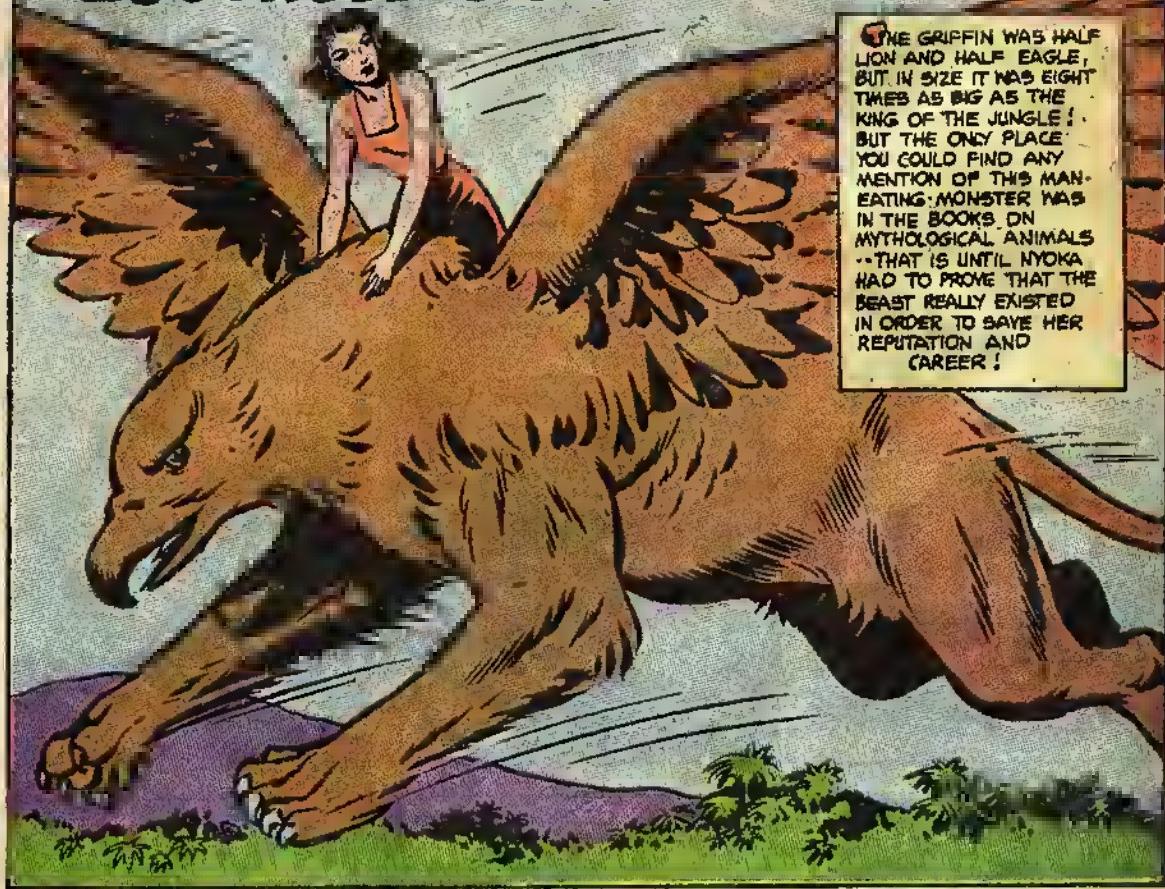
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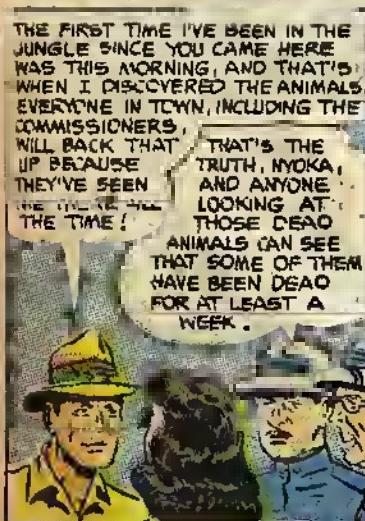
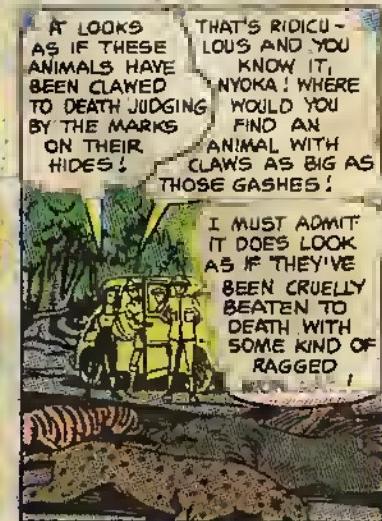
CHAPTER ONE—
THE GRIFFIN: REAL OR FABLE



THE GRIFFIN WAS HALF LION AND HALF EAGLE, BUT IN SIZE IT WAS EIGHT TIMES AS BIG AS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE! BUT THE ONLY PLACE YOU COULD FIND ANY MENTION OF THIS MAN-EATING MONSTER WAS IN THE BOOKS ON MYTHOLOGICAL ANIMALS. THAT IS UNTIL NYOKA HAD TO PROVE THAT THE BEAST REALLY EXISTED IN ORDER TO SAVE HER REPUTATION AND CAREER!



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LATER, IN THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE IN TOWN --



YOU MEAN YOU HOPE I GET WHAT YOU HOPE I DESERVE -- SO YOU WON'T HAVE ANY COMPETITION!

WE HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR A LONG TIME, NYOKA, AND FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUCH A COWARDLY ACT.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE EVIDENCE!

IF IT WAS ANYONE ELSE BUT YOU, NYOKA, WE WOULD HAVE REVOKED HIS HUNTING LICENSE IMMEDIATELY! BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR REPUTATION, WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

TO BRING THOSE WHO KILLED THOSE WANTON KILLINGS!



BUT AS NYOKA STARTS PACKING IN HER HOTEL ROOM --

PIERRE PASTEL! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? WHEN YOU LEFT HERE TO GO OUT INTO THE JUNGLE TO PAINT SOME NATURE SCENES TWO DAYS AGO, YOUR HAIR WAS AS BLACK AS CHARCOAL --



--BUT NOW IT'S AS WHITE AS SNOW!

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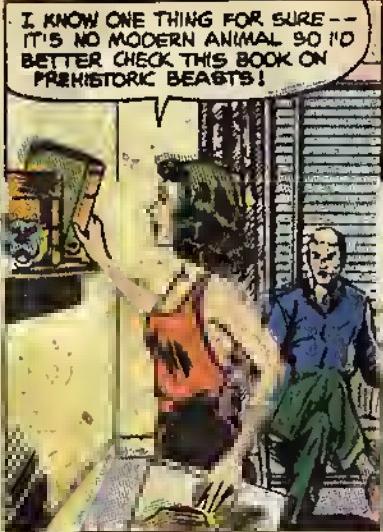
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IF THAT'S THE TRUTH, IT COULD BE THE REASON FOR ALL THOSE DEAD ANIMALS WE FOUND IN THE JUNGLE EARLIER TODAY! BUT BEFORE I CAN SAY ANYTHING, I'VE GOT TO SEE IF THERE'S A RECORD OF ANY SUCH ANIMAL AS THIS!

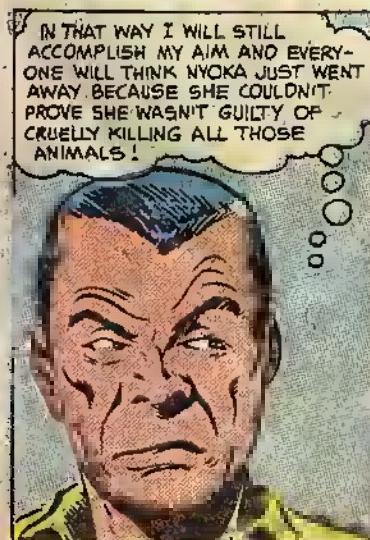
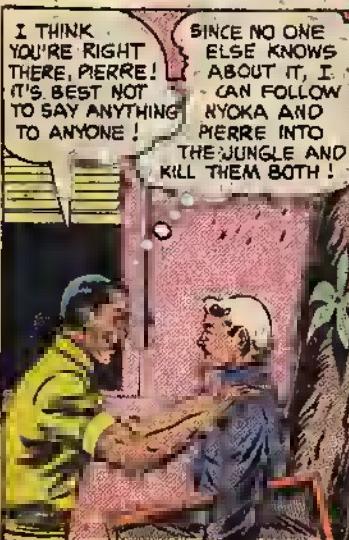
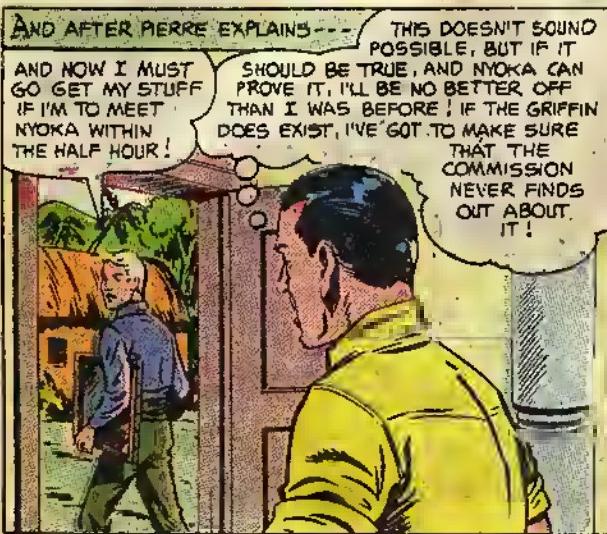
I KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE -- IT'S NO MODERN ANIMAL SO I'D BETTER CHECK THIS BOOK ON PREHISTORIC BEASTS!

BUT THERE'S NO TRACE OF THE ANIMAL IN THE BOOK!

THE MORE I LOOK AT YOUR PAINTING THE MORE I THINK I'VE SEEN THIS ANIMAL AROUND SOMEWHERE! I THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK IN THIS BOOK OF MYTHOLOGICAL ANIMALS!



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THAT NIGHT IN THE JUNGLE --



SHORTLY AFTER --



A BEAST IN FRONT OF HER AND A BEAST IN BACK OF HER! NYOKA IS REALLY IN A TERRIBLE SPOT! IS THERE ANY WAY OUT? READ ON FOR CHAPTER II OF "THE JUNGLE MYTH"



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the JUNGLE
GIRL

and THE SINISTER Jungle Myth

CHAPTER II THE MONSTER'S LAIR



NYOKA

I GUESS THE SHOT THAT MISSED ME DID SOME GOOD AFTER ALL -- IT SCARED THE TIGER AWAY -- AT LEAST FOR NOW !

NOW TO SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT WHO DID THE SHOOTING ! I CAN HEAR HIM MOVING IN THE BRUSH !



IF I KEEP MOVING, SHE'LL BE ABLE TO PICK UP MY TRAIL FROM THE SOUND OF THE RUSTLING BRUSH ! THE BEST CHANCE I'VE GOT IS TO LIE LOW AND STAY PERFECTLY STILL AND HOPE SHE'LL RUN RIGHT PAST ME !

NOW I'VE GOT TO TRY TO CONVINCE NYOKA THAT SHOT DIDN'T COME FROM AN OUTSIDER --- BUT RIGHT FROM HER OWN CAMP !



AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO THAT ! PIERRE IS LEAVING HIS TENT WHICH WILL MAKE EVERYTHING THAT MUCH EASIER !

I'LL JUST LEAVE THIS SMOKING RIFLE IN PIERRE'S TENT AND ---



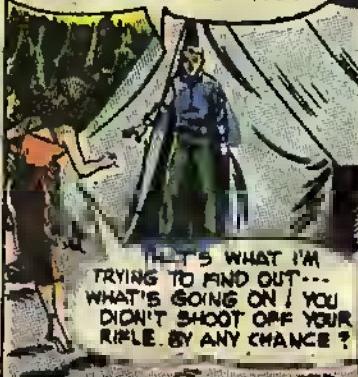
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--TAKE HIS INSTEAD! NOW I'LL JUST HIDE OUT UNTIL I GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF NYOKA! AND NEXT TIME I WON'T FAIL!



AND AS NYOKA RETURNS TO THE CAMP --

NYOKA! WHAT'S GOING ON? I HEARD A SHOT AND CAME RUNNING OUT, BUT COULDN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF YOU!



NO! AS A MATTER OF FACT I EVEN FORGOT TO TAKE MY RIFLE WITH ME WHEN I RUSHED OUT OF THE TENT!



THE RIFLE IS STILL WARM, BUT WHY SHOULD PIERRE WANT TO HURT ME? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT IT-- BUT TO KEEP MY EYES WIDE OPEN FROM NOW ON!



AND AFTER A SLEEPLESS NIGHT--

EVERYTHING'S IN THE STATION WAGON, NYOKA!

GOOD! WE CAN BE ON OUR WAY AGAIN!

THEY'RE GETTING READY TO LEAVE! I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY CAR SO I CAN FOLLOW THEM!



SHORTLY AFTER--



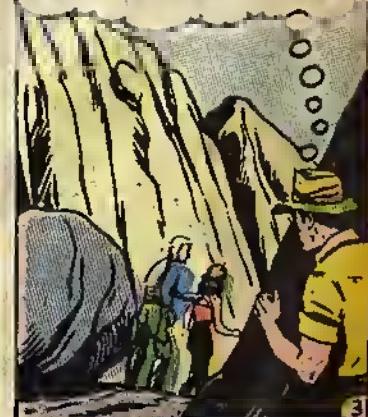
STOP, THE STATION WAGON, NYOKA! THIS IS NO PLACE TO GO! FROM NOW ON WE HAVE TO GO BY FOOT!

I SPOTTED THE GRIFFIN IN THE VALLEY AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NARROW PATH! WHEN EVER YOU'RE READY, NYOKA, WE CAN START DOWN! WE'LL HAVE TO GO SINGLE FILE, I'M READY RIGHT NOW.

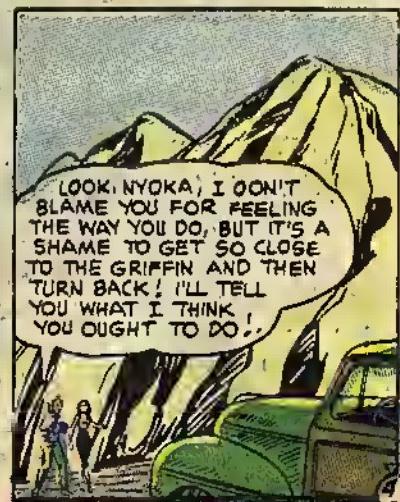
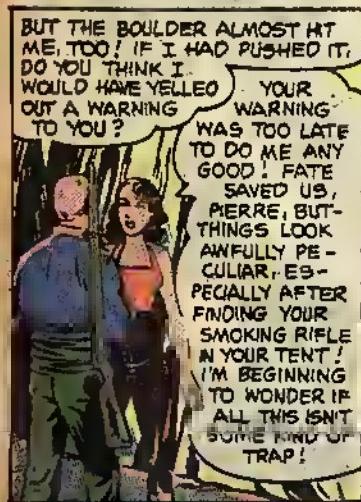
THAT NARROW:



THEY'RE HEADING DOWN THAT NARROW MOUNTAIN PATH. IF I COULD JUST TIP THAT BOULDER, I'D BE ABLE TO GET THE TWO OF THEM AT ONCE!



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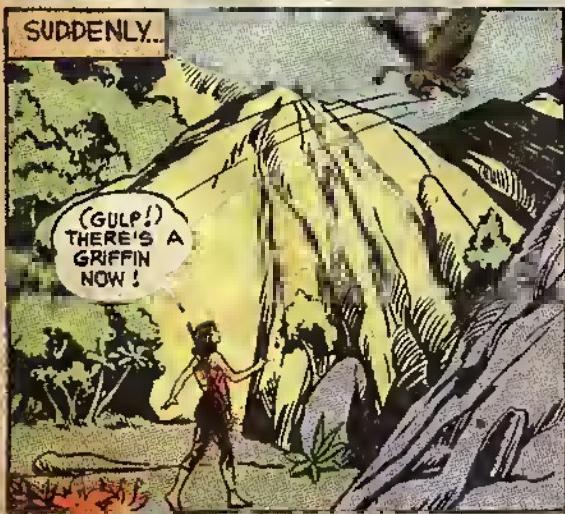
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GATE TO DOOM

FOR HOURS the two men had trudged north through the jungle, waiting, hoping for the encircling green gloom to end. By ten o'clock the chill of morning wore off, and they felt more cheerful.

Evans, the American explorer, paused as they crossed a narrow, shallow stream and took his bearings. His friend, Ben-Sahif, the eldest son of the local chief, put his knapsack down and rested.

"A good thing you aren't expecting to do any heavy digging," he said to Evans. Ben-Sahif spoke well in English, having learned the language at the British school in Aswan, at the first cataract of the Nile.

Evans frowned over his map. He tapped it impatiently with his finger.

"No need for any digging this time," he said. "In any case this trip is purely exploratory. Neifridi, the last Pharaoh of the Twenty-Third Dynasty, was buried somewhere above the Fifth Cataract of the lower Nile. I've narrowed down the possible location on this map to a three mile radius from here. It can't be south—we've covered that ground. There's just inaccessible mountains to the west and impenetrable marshes to the east. Therefore it must be north—and located on the plateau. It's high enough so that no sand could ever have covered it. That's why there'll be no necessity for digging."

Ben-Sahif chuckled. "You are a brave man, effendi Evans," he said. "The last tomb of importance uncovered in Egyptian Africa was that of Pharaoh Tutankhamen. And most of the members of the expedition that uncovered it died."

Evans looked at him gravely. "You believe those superstitions?" he asked.

Ben-Sahif shrugged. "I am of the East, you are of the West. You are scoffers in the West. In Africa we know better. No true African disbelieves in the power of curses. And you yourself told me that inscriptions found at Thebes placed a curse of death on any who broke into the tomb of Pharaoh Neifridi." He paused, shrugging and a grin

appeared on his face. "Of course, you haven't found it yet. Perhaps you need not fear for your life because you never will find the tomb!"

Evans shook his head. "I'll find it," he said. "And remember, Ben-Shaif; I am not superstitious, even if you are. I am not afraid of curses made twenty centuries ago."

"Nor am I," the other said, picking up his pack. "The curse specifically mentions those who break into the tomb. I am only a guide, effendi. I am safe, praise Allah!"

In silence they trudged on to slowly rising ground. Within fifteen minutes the jungle screen ended and they came out into open country, broiling under the hot spring sun. Evans pointed.

"The Blue Nile, Ben-Sahif," he said. "We are seeing it from a spot no man probably has ever stood before except . . ."

"The tomb, effendi, *the tomb!*" the other shouted excitedly, seizing Evans by the arm. "Over there, to one side of the river shore!"

Evans, his heart pounding, followed Ben-Sahif's gaze. Out of the rolling, open plain, partly hidden by dry, parched heaps of sand, appeared the blindingly white walls of an Egyptian tomb.

"Neifridi's tomb!" Evans muttered. He glanced at the map. "Yes, that's it. It looks exactly like this drawing I traced from the inscription stone in Thebes. Ben-Sahif, we've found it!"

"You would be advised to leave it in peace, effendi," Ben-Sahif said dryly. "Or, at least, be content with observing it from the outside. Remember the curse."

"Absurd," the American snapped, resuming the march. "In that tomb must be treasures of ancient art at least equal to those found in the sarcophagus of Pharaoh Tutankhamen! It would be criminal to let them lie there undiscovered because of some mythical curse no sensible person could believe. Come on!"

Ben-Sahif clutched at his arm frantically as Evans strode up to the tomb. "Wait, wait, effendi!" He pointed dramatically. "Look, the

Nile is rising, as it does every spring to water the land. Within six hours, the temple will be buried under many feet of water!"

Undeterred, Evans strode on. "We won't be staying here long, Ben-Sahif—just long enough to identify the tomb. I want to make sure it's the one I'm looking for. If it is we can return in a month with a large party!"

With the guide still trying to restrain him, Evans walked up to the gate of the tomb. A frown crossed his face as he slowly read the inscription over the stone lintel.

"It's nothing but the curse," he said, irritatedly. "There's not a name on it!" He stepped closer to the portal. "Here, help me with this, Ben-Sahif! The portal stone is crumbling. We can push it aside in a few moments!"

"I will not break into the tomb, effendi!" Ben-Sahif shouted.

"Then I'll do it myself!" Evans declared. Quickly, using his portable shovel and crowbar, he cleared a space in the crumbling block big enough to crawl through. "Wait for me here!" he ordered, squeezing himself through.

Ben-Sahif, distracted, muttering prays to Allah, watched the American explorer disappear through the opening. Minutes passed. Then he heard a shout: "Ben-Sahif! Ben-Sahif! It's Neifridi's tomb! We've really found it! The inscription beside this inner gate proves it!" There was a pause, then the horrified guide heard Evans yell: "The gate—it's moving! By heaven, if I can open it, I'll have a look inside . . ."

The guide scrambled to the opening. Within, he saw Evans pushing frantically at a huge iron gate. An instant later a second gate crashed down before him,囚禁ing Evans between them. Frightened, Ben-Sahif glanced behind him. The waters of the Nile were rising faster than he had thought. Even as he stood at the stone portal, they were advancing inch by inch up the side of the tomb.

"I will be back, effendi!" Ben-Sahif screamed. "You are trapped and I must return and find men who can cut through the gates. Hold fast!"

"Ben-Sahif—you idiot, stop!" Evans screamed. His voice, reverberating eerily in the tomb's

vast interior, issuing forth like a trumpet, only spurred Ben-Sahif on. He cast a last backward glance at the threshold which was beginning to disappear under water, threw away his knapsack to speed his steps, and entered the jungle. His father's camp, he knew, was only five miles away.

An hour later he staggered, breathless, into camp, rounded up four guards and the camp blacksmith and started back. The Blue Nile, he knew, so near its source, could rise a dozen feet in only a few hours. And the hole Evans had knocked through the outer, sealed portal was only five feet above ground level. By now, the whole, hollow tomb was probably filled with water.

Evans, beyond question, was dead, drowned.

Tired, Ben-Sahif urged the others on. Then, at a slower pace, he continued, brooding, berating himself for not having more strongly urged the American to let the dead lie in peace. Then, suddenly, he stopped, his blood freezing. Ben-Sahif's teeth chattered. He had always known of and believed in ghosts and now . . .

Down the jungle trail, spry and laughing, talking to the four guards and the blacksmith, came the explorer, Evans!

"But—but the curse!" Ben-Sahif stammered as Evans pumped his hand. "And you were trapped by the double gates!" He glanced at Evans' boots, and gasped. "Perhaps—perhaps you didn't drown after all! Your boots are wet!"

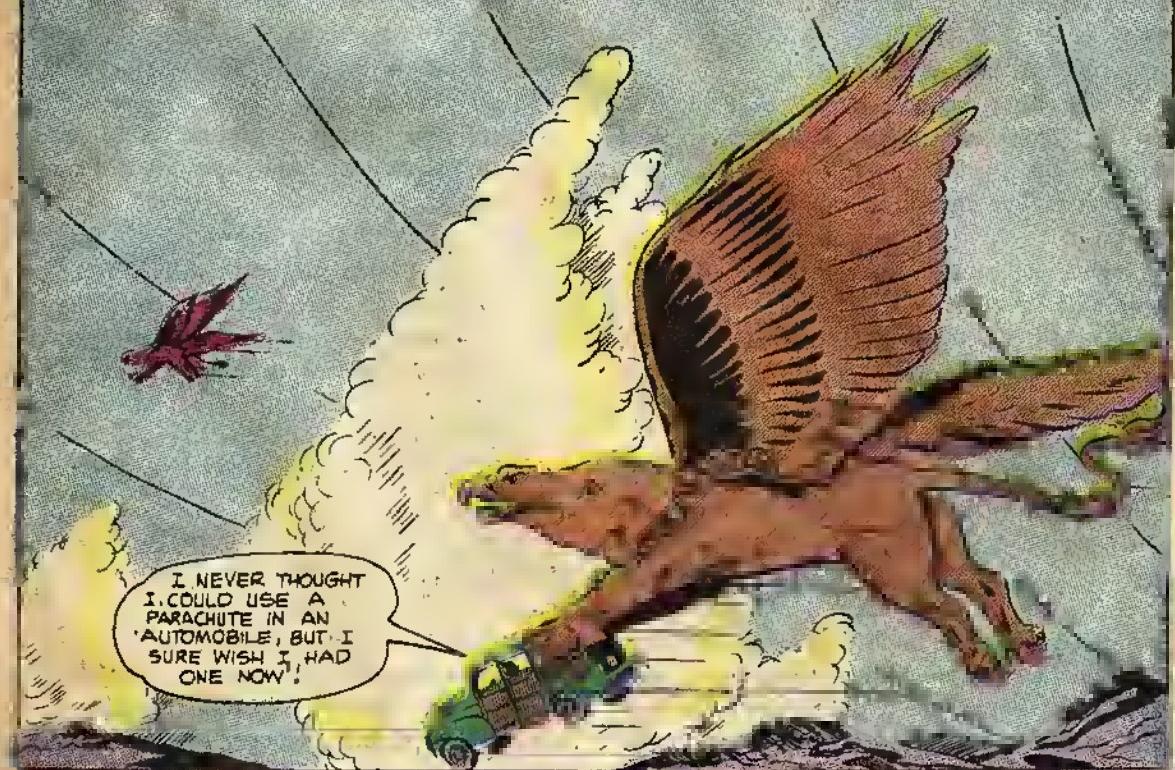
THE CURSE was nonsense—as are all curses!" Evans chuckled. "And I'm quite alive to prove it! But the Pharaohs knew that curses seldom stop adventurers. Pharaoh Neifridi took care that anyone breaking into his tomb would be trapped between double gates of iron inside and perish. But he forgot that the Nile would seep into his tomb every time it rose. Those iron gates were almost rusted through after soaking every spring for many centuries. After you left, I knocked them to pieces with my shovel, climbed out and got my boots wet; wading out of the Blue Nile!"

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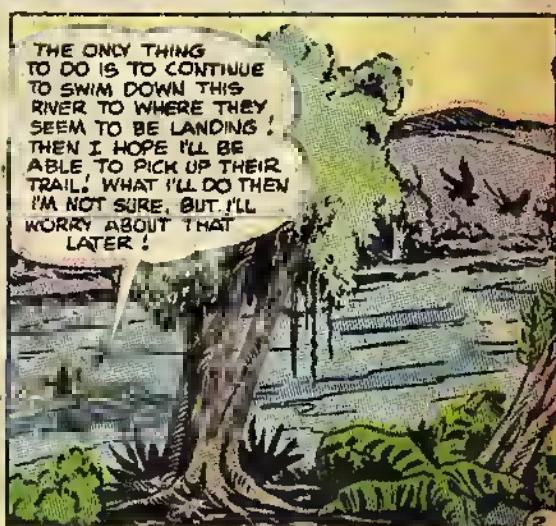
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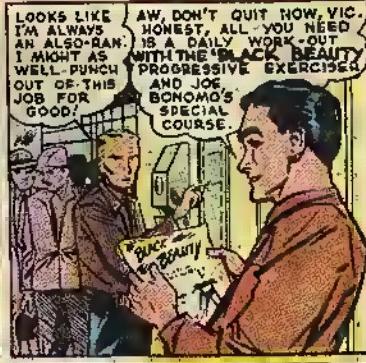
CHAPTER THREE
THE VALLEY OF FEAR !



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How 'BLACK BEAUTY' TURNS AN ALSO-RAN into "VIDEO VIC!"



HECK, NO WONDER I DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE BEFORE, TIM. IT TOOK 'BLACK BEAUTY' AND BONOMO'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING. WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES!

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THIS PLACE IS SO DENSE WITH FOLIAGE I DON'T SEE WHERE THEY COULD HAVE POSSIBLY LANDED!



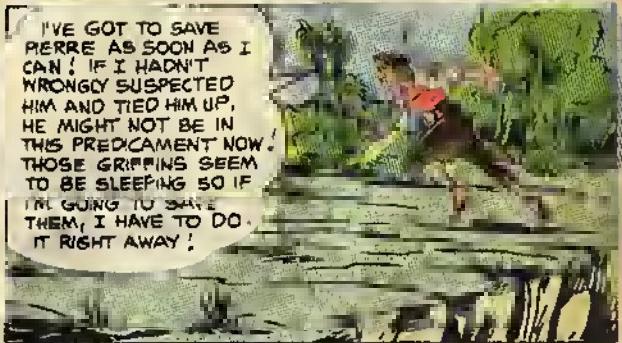
A CLEARING AT LAST, BUT STILL NO SIGN OF THEM! BUT WAIT--THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF HOLE OR PIT UP AHEAD!



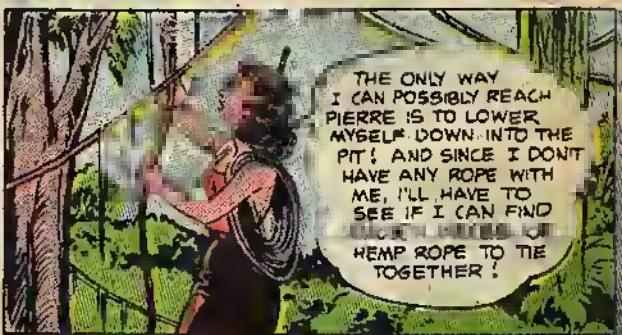
IT'S THE GRIFFINS' LAIR, ALL RIGHT, AND THERE'S PIERRE ---AND ALSO DEGREEY! NOW THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE! HE MUST HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO WAS TRYING TO GET ME!



I'VE GOT TO SAVE PIERRE AS SOON AS I CAN! IF I HADN'T WRONGLY SUSPECTED HIM AND TIED HIM UP, HE MIGHT NOT BE IN THIS PREDICAMENT NOW! THOSE GRIFFINS SEEM TO BE SLEEPING SO IF I'M GOING TO SAVE THEM, I HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT AWAY!

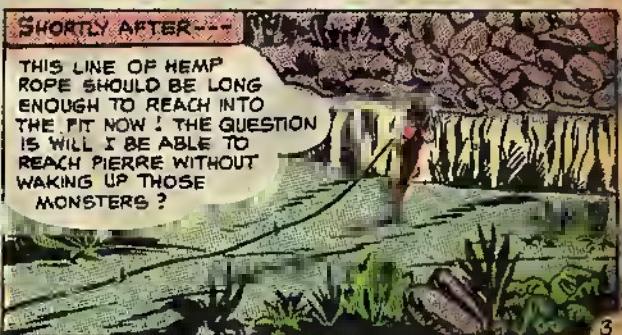


THE ONLY WAY I CAN POSSIBLY REACH PIERRE IS TO LOWER MYSELF DOWN INTO THE PIT! AND SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY ROPE WITH ME, I'LL HAVE TO SEE IF I CAN FIND ENOUGH OF THAT HEMP ROPE TO TIE TOGETHER!



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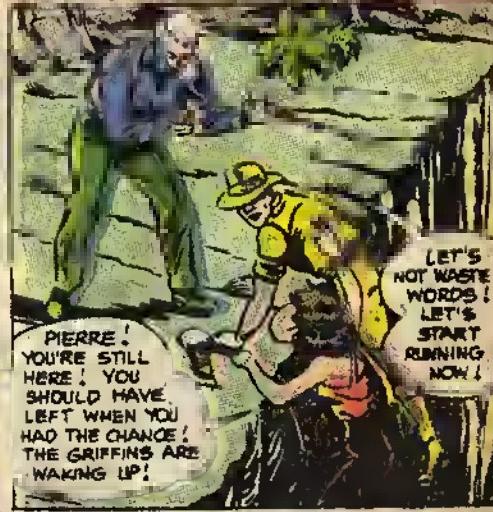
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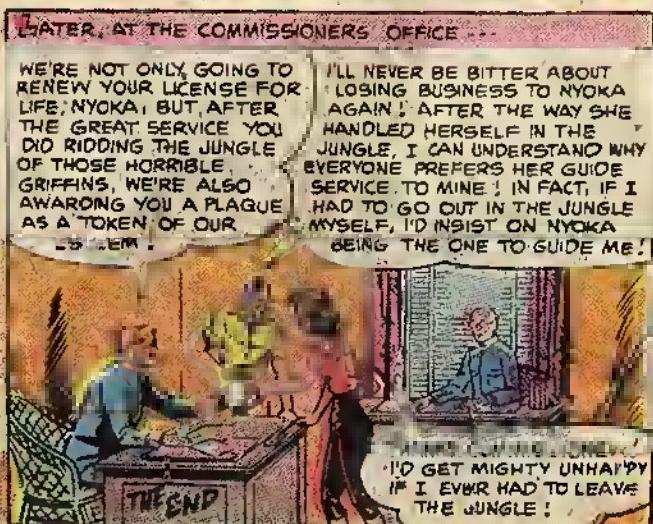
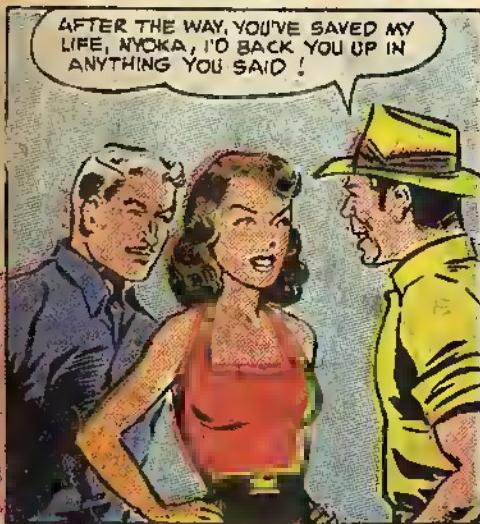
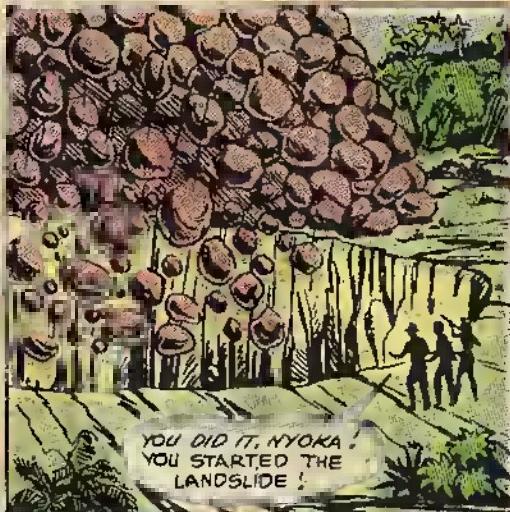
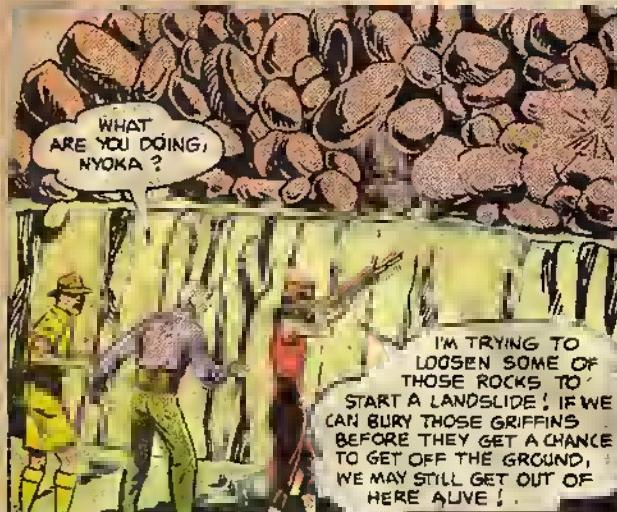
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JO-JO

CONGO KING

DO YOU REMEMBER? NOT LONG AGO, YOU TURNED THE DIAL OF YOUR RADIO AND HEARD, FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE AIR, THE FIERCE AND PRIMITIVE RHYTHMS OF THE GUNDOONGA DANCE! THEN A SUDDEN INTERRUPTION AND THERE CAME THE CRASHING THUNDER OF COMBAT IN THE JUNGLE AS JO-JO WENT INTO ACTION TO SAVE A FRIEND'S LIFE! RADIO MADE HISTORY THAT DAY, THANKS TO THE CONGO KING, AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE KNOWN AS THE STARTLING BROADCAST!

HILARY PRESCOTT AND HER FIANCÉ, ROBERT MURDOCK, UNLOAD RADIO EQUIPMENT AT A SMALL AFRICAN PORT...

WE MADE IT AT LAST, BOB. NOW AS SOON AS WE GET THE COMMISSIONER'S PERMISSION, WE CAN START INTO THE JUNGLE. THIS BROADCAST WILL MAKE RADIO HISTORY.

"YOU'RE RIGHT, HILARY, A BRILLIANT IDEA YOU HAD... BROADCASTING THE TRIBAL CEREMONIES OF THE SAVAGE GUNDOONGA TRIBE!"

"AND I'LL GET TO SEE JO-JO, TOO! I MET HIM THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE ON VACATION WITH MY DAD! HE'S SUCH A ROMANTIC FIGURE... SO BRAVE, AND...

"YEAH... SURE! BUT YOU BETTER RUN ALONG NOW AND SEE THE COMMISSIONER AND FIND OUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO MEET YOUR FRIEND! I'LL LOOK AFTER THINGS HERE."

"HAH... SHE'LL NEVER SEE HER FRIEND, AND SHE'LL NEVER MAKE THAT BROADCAST! IF SHE ONLY KNEW HOW SICK I AM OF HER... AND HOW I HATE HER! SHE GETS ALL THE GOOD ASSIGNMENTS AND I HAVE TO TROT ALONG LIKE A GOOD LITTLE BOY! BUT IT WON'T BE LONG NOW... SHE'LL HAVE AN ACCIDENT AND I'LL MAKE THE BROADCAST!"

AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, A NATIVE MESSENGER LEAVES TOWN WITH NEWS FOR JO-JO...

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G-GOT TO TWIST BEFORE WE HIT THE GROUND! IF THIS 400 POUNDS OF GORILLA LANDS ON TOP OF ME, I'LL BE CRUSHED AND NOT MUCH TIME... THOSE OTHERS ARE CLOSING IN. COME ON, JO-JO! GOING TO NEED ALL YOUR STRENGTH FOR THIS, MAN! ONE!

AT LAST! ONE MORE... GASP... A THRUST AND I'VE GOT HIM! THEN A DOZEN MORE TO DEAL WITH, UNLESS THE BEATING OF THEIR LEADER FRIGHTENS THEM OFF. AND ALL THE TIME THAT MESSENGER IS GETTING FARTHER AWAY.

I THOUGHT SO. THEY'RE LIKE A LOT OF HUMANS I KNOW! TAKE AWAY THEIR LEADER AND THEY CAN'T FIGHT ANY LONGER. A GOOD THING FOR ME, TOO. I'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT MAN BEFORE HE GETS CLEAR AWAY.



BUT TROUBLE SOMETIMES COMES IN BUNCHES... AND NOT LONG AFTERWARD.

MORE GRIEF! THERE'S MY MAN... AND IF I WANT TO GET ANY INFORMATION OUT OF HIM I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST. THAT BRUTE WILL MAKE FAST WORK OF HIM..



SORRY, FRIEND, BUT YOU'RE GOING HOW ABOUT TELLING ME THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MESSAGE? WHO GAVE IT TO YOU TO DELIVER TO ME? I KNOW IT WASN'T THE COMMISSIONER.

OOGG... YOU SPEAK TRUTH! MY ANCESTORS BECKON TO ME. I TELL YOU ALL I KNOW, JO-JO! WHITE BWANA TOOK THE OTHER MESSAGE AND GAVE ME THE FALSE ONE. HE GAVE ME A PRESENT... THE SMALL DIAL...



I DO NOT WISH TO GO BAD! I HEARD A LADY AND THE BWANA COMMISSIONER SPEAKING... SHE HAS SAFARI, WHICH IS TO MEET YOU AT THE WATERING PLACE OF THE GUNDOONGA. THE MESSAGE I BROUGHT LIED ABOUT THE MEETING PLACE...

BUT THOSE PLACES ARE A HUNDRED MILES APART!

BUT WHO IS THIS ROBERT MURDOCK?... AND THE WOMAN WHO WANTS TO MEET ME AT THE WATERING PLACE? IT IS PLAIN THAT THE MAN ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THIS. HE WOULD SEND ME ON A WILD HUNT ELSEWHERE... BUT WHY? SUCH THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND... BUT AT LEAST I NOW KNOW WHERE TO GO TO FIND THE ANSWERS TO THIS MYSTERY!



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BUT BEFORE HILARY CAN ASK MORE QUESTIONS...

THE ANSWER TO JO-JO'S SILENT QUESTION COMES ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...

JO-JO! YOU'VE COME AT LAST! INDEED I REMEMBER! WHAT BRINGS YOU AGAIN TO MY JUNGLE, MISS PRESCOTT?

JO-JO! THAT NATIVE BETRAYED ME! I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST...

BUT DON'T YOU GET THE COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE EXPLAINING THE BROADCASTS? AND I WANT YOU TO MEET MY ASSISTANT, BOB MURDOCK. WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED...

MURDOCK! THEN IT WAS HIS WATCH! HE SWITCHED MESSAGES! BUT WHY?

NATIVES ATTACK! METHINKS JO-JO ARRIVED AT THE RIGHT TIME! THIS COULDN'T BE WHAT MR. MURDOCK WANTED ME TO MISS... OR COULD IT?



FOOLS! FORGET THE WHITE GIRL AND GET THE ONE WHO LIED TO US! HE VOWED HIS FIRESTICK WOULD NEVER BE TURNED UPON MY MEN! SLAY HIM!

DARN IT! I MISSED HIM... IF JO-JO COULD SEE ME, HE'D THINK I WAS ON HIS SIDE, BUT HE'S TOO BUSY FIGHTING!

TO FLEE WILL NOT SAVE YOU, TRAITOR! WE'LL GET YOU! YOU DECEIVED US, AND FOR THAT YOU ---

EVERYTHING'S GONE WRONG! THEY, THINK I DOUBLE-CROSSED THEM, SET A TRAP! GOT TO ESCAPE... EVEN IF THEY DON'T GET ME, THEY'LL TELL JO-JO AND HILARY EVERYTHING!



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CAN'T LET EVEN A WORTHLESS ONE LIKE MURDOCK GO LIKE THAT! THE NATIVES SEEM TO THINK HE BETRAYED THEM SOME WAY... I WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH OF THIS MATTER!

HELP!
MERCY!
DON'T HURT ME!
HELP!

PLEASE LISTEN, CHIEF! I DIDN'T KNOW JO-JO WOULD COME! I ARRANGED IT DIFFERENTLY! HONEST, I DIDN'T SET A TRAP FOR YOU!

JO...
WHY...
V-Y---

SAVE ME, JO-JO! I'LL CONFESS EVERYTHING!

I DON'T PERMIT VIOLENCE IN MY JUNGLE. THAT IS THE ONLY REASON I HALT THIS THING!

YOU ARE AS WICKED AS THE MAN WHO LED YOU! HE WILL BE TURNED OVER TO HIS OWN LAW.

I BOW TO YOU, JO-JO! SPARE ME! YOU ARE RULER IN ALL THE JUNGLE... SPARE ME!

...HE BARGAINED WITH US...

FOR THE GIRL AS MY BRIDE,

I WAS TO SPARE HIM AND

LET HIM SEE OUR DANCE.

HE USED STRANGE WORDS WHICH I DID NOT UNDERSTAND, BUT HE SAID PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD WOULD HEAR OUR DANCE AND MUSIC!

SO THAT WAS IT! INSTEAD OF LOVING HILARY, HE HATED HER! HATED WORKING UNDER HER! HE WANTED HER OUT OF THE WAY SO HE COULD POSE AS A HERO AND A LOST LOVER AT THE SAME TIME!

SHE IS BRAVE, SHE KNOWS NOT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER, YET SHE FULFILLS HER JOB!

AND SO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN BROADCASTING HISTORY, I HAVE BROUGHT YOU THE TRUE VOICE OF A JUNGLE BATTLE IN ALL ITS SAVAGRY...

...THIS IS HILARY PRESCOTT, SIGNING OFF...

AND WHEN JO-JO EXPLAINS TO HILARY:

OOO... HOW COULD HE? HOW COULD ANY MAN BE SO BAD? A-AND I... I LOVED HIM...

BE CALM, SMALL ONE. THE STRANGEST OF THINGS ARE DISGUISED FORTUNES!

AND HERE IS MY WORD TO ALL OF YOU! YOU'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TREACHERY AND DECEIT ENTER INTO A PERSON'S MIND: HATRED AND ENVY ALWAYS BRING THEIR OWN REWARD... AND NEVER IS SUCH A REWARD GOOD!

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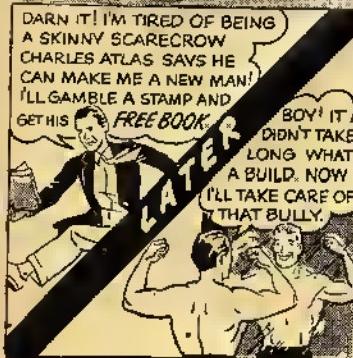
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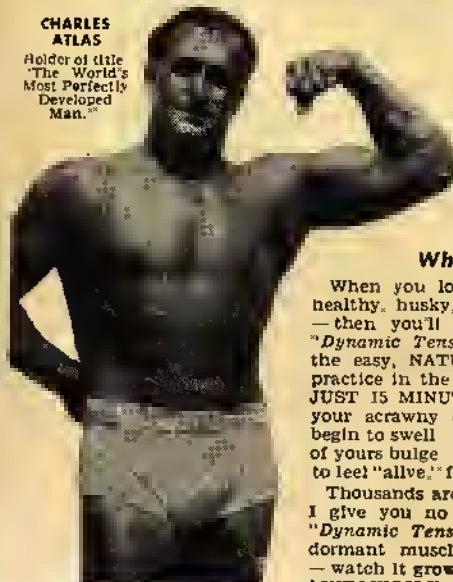
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